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Aquidneck Island TREASURE Map



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Family Passport to Aquidneck Island

HOW TO PLAY: Follow the directions for each organization below to collect a stamp. Collect 5 stamps by October 31, 2009 and mail this form to: Family Passport to Aquidneck Island, c/o Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI 02840 for your chance to win an amazing basket of prizes! **Please remember to include your contact information.** Questions? Contact Reada at 401-862-0479 or reada@roseisland.org.

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Ballard Park / www.BallardPark.org

Wickham Road, Newport, RI 02840 • 401-619-3377

We are located at the corner of Hazard and Wickham Roads across from Rogers High School. Free parking available in the Rogers High School parking lot. • Trails are open sunrise to sunset, year-round. Hike the scenic trails any time. • Passport stamps available only at special events (see calendar).

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Fort Adams / www.FortAdams.org

Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840 • 401-841-0707

We are located in Fort Adams State Park off Harrison Avenue in Newport. Free parking • Open daily 10-4, from Memorial Day through Columbus Day • Admission is \$10 adults; \$5 children (6-17); \$25 family rate • Tours hourly. Visit the admissions office after your tour to receive your passport stamp.

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Green Animals Topiary Garden / www.NewportMansions.org

30 Cory's Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871 • 401-847-1000

Open daily 10-6, from May 9 through October 12, 2009 • Admission is \$12 adults; \$4.50 children (6-17); children under 6 are free. Combination tickets available with other Newport Mansions admissions. Purchase tickets on site or online. • Have your passport stamped at the ticket desk in the store.

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Norman Bird Sanctuary / www.NormanBirdSanctuary.org

583 Third Beach Road, Middletown, RI 02842 • 401-846-2577

Open daily 9-5, except major holidays • Trail fee: \$5 adults; \$2 children (4-13); NBS members are FREE • Visit the gift shop after you have gone for a walk to receive your passport stamp.

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Rose Island Lighthouse / www.RoseIslandLighthouse.org

Rose Island, Newport, RI 02840 • 401-847-4242

We are located on an 18-acre island about a mile off the Newport coast. Ferry service available. Personal skiffs, canoes or kayaks can land on the beaches near the lighthouse. • Open daily 10-4, from July 1 to Labor Day • Admission is \$5; RILF members and children 5 and under are FREE • After your tour, check with your tour guide to receive your passport stamp.

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Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge / www.friendsnwr-ri.org/refuges/schuest.htm

Sachuest Point Road, Middletown, RI 02842 • 401-847-5511

Open dawn to dusk • Visitors Center open 10-4 daily, closed Wednesday • Come to the Visitors Center to receive your passport stamp.

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Sakonnet Greenway Trail / www.AquidneckLandTrust.org

Portsmouth, RI 02871 • 401-849-2799

Visit the longest nature trail on Aquidneck Island. • The trail begins at The Glen in Portsmouth and continues for 5 miles to Mitchell's Lane in Middletown. • Open dawn to dusk, year-round • Use stamp at kiosk to mark your passport after you have gone for a walk.

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Save The Bay Exploration Center & Aquarium / www.SaveBay.org

175 Memorial Blvd., Newport, RI 02840 • 401-324-6020

We are located inside the rotunda at Easton's Beach. Parking is available. • Open daily 10-4, from Memorial Day through Labor Day • Admission is \$5; STB members and children 3 and under are FREE • See a Save The Bay staff member to receive your passport stamp.

2009 Calendar of Events



Looking for something fun to do with family and friends? Want to get outside? Want to explore Aquidneck Island? Visit these awesome Aquidneck Island organizations, learn about your island and have a great time this summer!

HOW TO PLAY: Form a team. Teams can consist of any number of friends or family. Visit at least 5 of the participating organizations, get a stamp to prove you were there and hand in your Family Passport for a chance to win an amazing basket of prizes!

Check out this list of special events being held to make it an even better summer! FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF EVENTS, visit each organization's Web site.

Saturday, JUNE 6 Family Day at Fort Adams, 11AM-4PM (Rain date: Sunday, June 7).

Saturday, JUNE 20 3rd Annual 5k Run/Walk at Norman Bird Sanctuary, 9:30AM (1/2 mile kids run at 9AM) Food and beverages provided.

Sunday, JUNE 28 Special Passport activity at the Save The Bay Exploration Center and Aquarium, 10AM-4PM.

JULY 1- Labor Day Visit Rose Island at the member rate of \$12.50/person, including roundtrip ferry ride and landing fees. Please call the Rose Island office at 401-847-4242 at least 2 days in advance to reserve your tickets.

Tuesday, JULY 14 Children's Party at Green Animals Topiary Garden, 4-8PM.

Saturday & Sunday, JULY 18-19 Civil War Living History Weekend at Fort Adams, 10AM-5PM Saturday, 10AM-4PM Sunday.

Thursday, JULY 23 Toe Jam Puppet Band Concert, 10-11AM at Ballard Park. Hands-on entertainment for children featuring original music and storytelling. Free.

Thursday, AUGUST 6 "Movies on the Rocks" at Ballard Park — an outdoor movie screening in the quarry meadow. *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Free. Starts at dusk.

Saturday, AUGUST 8 "Take Me Fishing Day" at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge, 10AM - 3PM. Learn from our expert fishing guides, fish for yourself and enjoy crafts, games and educational activities.

Thursday, AUGUST 20 "Movies on the Rocks" at Ballard Park — an outdoor movie screening in the quarry meadow. *Finding Nemo*. Free. Starts at dusk.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 5 Come for a tour of our Oakland Forest and Meadow Preserve in Portsmouth, 9AM. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour one of the last remaining stands of old growth American beech trees on the East Coast. Meet at the entrance to Oakland Forest, which is located at the western end of Carriage Drive in Portsmouth. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Jessica Pohl at jpohl@aillt.org or 401-849-2799 x18.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 19 Fall Family Festival at Green Animals Topiary Garden, 10AM-6PM.

Saturday & Sunday, OCTOBER 3-4 35th Annual Harvest Fair at Norman Bird Sanctuary.

Sunday, OCTOBER 4 Middletown Rotary Club Car Show at Fort Adams, 9AM-3PM.

Saturday, OCTOBER 17 "National Wildlife Refuge Week" at Sachuest Point, 10AM-3PM. Celebrate with guided bird walks, wildlife films, scavenger hunts, free posters and temporary tattoos.

Saturday, OCTOBER 17 7th Annual Ballard Park Pumpkin Tour; 4:30PM-9:30PM. Over 1,000 jack-o-lanterns on display. Free.

Visit Us on Aquidneck Island



Aquidneck Island is full of amazing places for your family to enjoy this summer. Go on an adventure! Explore your own backyard! Take your Aquidneck Island Treasure Map, visit the sites below, and discover the treasures that await you.

FOR DETAILED DRIVING DIRECTIONS, visit each organization's Web site.

Ballard Park Newport's only nature preserve features 13 acres of wild and open space, two 19th century quarries and a diverse variety of plant species. Ballard Park allows for unobtrusive observation of the abutting 54-acre wildlife refuge by providing paths suitable for walking and birdwatching. Special events scheduled all summer. • 401-619-3377 • www.BallardPark.org

Fort Adams Experience *History You Can Touch* at this National Historic Landmark. Built 1824-1857 and active through World War II, Fort Adams

is the most complex coastal fortification in North America, with extensive land and sea defenses. Tours take visitors atop the Fort walls for scenic views of Newport Harbor and deep into the underground listening tunnels. • 401-841-0707 • www.FortAdams.org

Green Animals Topiary Garden A property of The Preservation Society of Newport County, Green Animals is an historic country estate on 7 acres overlooking Narragansett Bay. The garden is filled with more than 80 trees and shrubs sculpted into geometric figures, ornamental designs and whimsical animals, some nearly 100 years old. The estate also includes floral, vegetable and herb gardens and a Victorian house with original family furnishings. • 401-847-1000 • www.NewportMansions.org

Norman Bird Sanctuary The Sanctuary is a 325-acre nature preserve with over seven miles of hiking trails. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through a variety of ecosystems (including forests, thickets, streams, salt marsh and sandy beach) or climb toward the breathtaking ocean view atop Hanging Rock. • 401-846-2577 • www.NormanBirdSanctuary.org

Rose Island Lighthouse An 18-acre island in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, Rose Island is a unique, hands-on demonstration center and living classroom where people of all ages can learn about and practice green living while using the Keeper's resourceful way of life to learn the principles of stewardship, conservation and sustainable living. Rose Island's terrestrial ecosystem supports a protected wildlife refuge for shore birds. • 401-847-4242 • www.RoseIslandLighthouse.org

Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge This 242-acre refuge provides sanctuary for wildlife in ecosystems ranging from rocky shore to upland shrub and salt marsh. Visitors enjoy fishing, birdwatching and hiking. Elevated platforms offer stunning views of the refuge. • 401-847-5511 • www.friendsnwr-ri.org/refuges/schuest.htm

Sakonnet Greenway Trail Visit the longest nature trail on Aquidneck Island. • Strategically and naturally forged amidst a greenway of more than 1,000 acres of conserved land on the eastern side of Aquidneck Island, the Greenway Trail passes through diverse habitats of many endangered and at-risk wildlife species and is designed to minimize negative environmental impacts. Hike, jog, ski or snowshoe the five miles from The Glen in Portsmouth to Mitchell's Lane in Middletown. • 401-849-2799 • www.AquidneckLandTrust.org

Save The Bay Exploration Center & Aquarium Get up close and personal with crabs, lobsters, moon jellies, seahorses and more than 100 other Narragansett Bay critters at Rhode Island's only aquarium. Go on a scavenger hunt. Make a craft. The Exploration Center is an interactive marine science learning center that offers educational programs and activities for school groups and families. • 401-324-6020 • www.SaveBay.org